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SUBJECT: ROC'S UNOFFICIAL RELATIONS

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1. IN THE COURSE OF A COURTESY CALL ON MEXICAN FOREIGN SECRETARIAT (SRE) OFFICIAL HANDLING BILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS, EMBOFF RAISED ISSUE OF MEXICO'S RECOGNITION OF THE PRC AS THE ONLY LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF CHINA, THE GOM DOES NOT PERMIT ENTRY OF BEARERS OF ROC PASSPORTS EXCEPT IN THE RARE CIRCUMSTANCES OF INTERNATIONAL GATHERINGS IN WHICH ROC IS A LEGITIMATE PARTICIPANT. SRE OFFICIAL STATED HE KNEW OF NO OFFICE OR ORGANIZATION OF ANY KIND IN MEXICO WHICH IS REPRESENTING TAIWAN INTERESTS. HE ADDED THAT ANY TRADE BETWEEN MEXICO AND TAIWAN IS CARRIED OUT TRIANGULARLY, MOST LIKELY THROUGH PANAMA OR GUATEMALA, AND IS HANDLED ON THE MEXICAN SIDE BY MEXICAN-CHINESE WHO STILL HAVE TIES TO THE FORMOSA GOVERNMENT. HE BELIEVES THE LEVEL OF SUCH TRADE IS VERY LOW. DURING DISCUSSION, SRE OFFICIAL WAS MOST CAREFUL TO DENY ANY
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INFORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ROC WHICH WOULD COMPROMISE MEXICO'S STRICT POSITION THAT TAIWAN IS A PART OF THE PRC.

2. HOWEVER, EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY ANOTHER ASIAN DIPLOMAT, WHO HAS CLOSE TIES IN THE SAME OFFICE OF SRE, THAT THE GOM IS TAKING A NEW LOOK AT THE SITUATION TO SEE IF SOME KIND OF RELATION WITH ROC COULD BE WORKED OUT. THE

MEXICAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE (IMCE) HAS REPORTEDLY
DONE A STUDY INDICATING THAT TAIWAN COULD BE AN EXCELLENT
MARKET FOR MEXICAN RAW MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS. IMCE HAS
ASKED SRE TO FIND LOOPHOLES IN MEXICO'S CHINA POSITION.
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